



HANDICAPPED READERS

From a carefully selected collection of books and periodicals, the patients at St. Agnes Hospital have the opportunity of choosing their own reading material. A book truck, loaded with books and magazines is carried to the bedside of patients in all wards once a week. This truck is made so that the patients can easily see the titles of the books and the names of magazines available. Most of the patients greet the hospital librarian with such warmth and enthusiasm that it is at once a real pleasure to serve them and assist them in selecting something to read which will make their stay there more bearable.

Patients at the Wake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium also share the library's service. Once a month the bookmobile visits this institution and leaves books and periodicals for the patients' use.

Since patients of varied reading ability and interest are found in the hospital, it is necessary to supply books and magazines which will satisfy all. As a general rule, religious books appeal to most of the patients because of the inspiration they receive from them; however, current pictorial magazines are in greater demand than books.

The result of this service has been two-fold. Besides the enjoyment received from reading while in the hospital, many patients have been introduced to the main library for the first time and have become ardent readers. This is most significant in evaluating hospital service.



TOP PHOTO: Hospital Service

BOTTOM PHOTO: Annual Party for the Blind